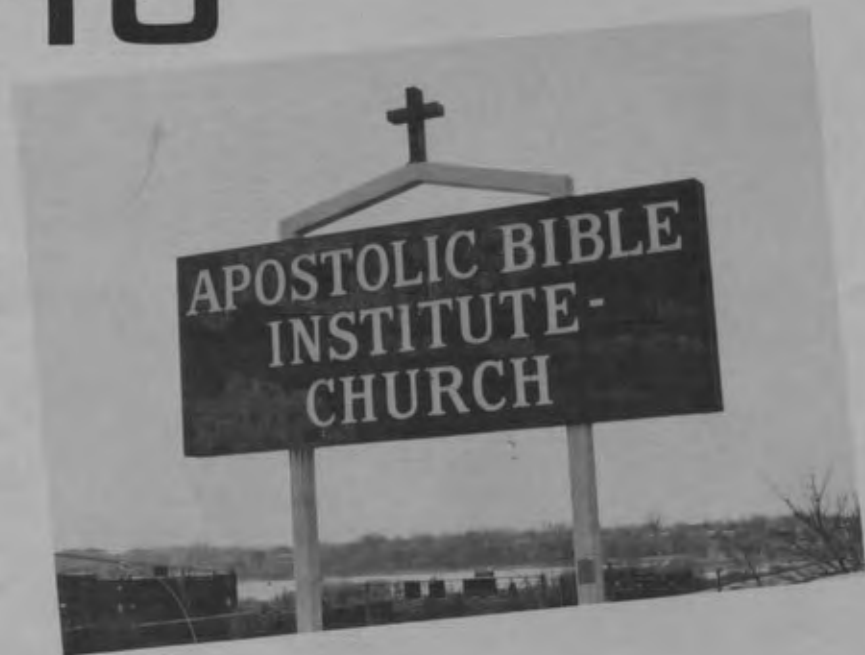


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Done this 10th day of June, 1983.
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GRADUATION 1983

Thursday, June 2	Friday, June 3	Saturday, June 4	Sunday, June 5
		9:00 a.m. Alumni Breakfast	10 a.m. - Worship Service Rev. W. Connell, Speaker Choral Reading
	Reunions	2 p.m. - 2nd Year Drama	2:30 p.m. - Freshmen Drama
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Honorary Reception & Buffet for Rev. & Mrs. S. G. Norris 7:30 Conferring of Alumni Degrees	7:30 p.m. - Senior Drama	6:30 p.m. - ABI Banquet Radisson Hotel RSVP by May 30, 1983	7:30 p.m. - Graduation Rev. N. A. Urshan, speaker

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Rev S.G. Norris & Rev N.P. Urshan
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Rev. S. G. Norris Speaks at 1983 Prophecy Conference



I feel the presence of God in this place. I feel humbled to be here. I appreciate Bro. Urshan calling a Prophecy Conference. This is a miracle for the hour we live in.

Let's pretend that we are bankers and meet to analyze the future. We couldn't project much beyond six months or maybe a year. I don't think there is a banker in the United States that would make a definite commitment for ten years. Let's pretend we are all doctors. Those doctors are wonderful people. We would try to think of a way to increase the life span. That would be a miracle. At this conference we are talking not about a few years added to life, but we are talking about the coming of the Lord. We are talking about the Millennial, the White Throne. We are actually talking about eternity.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE

I would like to speak first of all from Rev. 22:11. This takes place after the White Throne Judgement. It states that every man, woman or child that has ever lived on earth falls into one of three categories: 1) holy 2) righteous 3) wicked (unjust and filthy sinners). **Unjust Sinner:** "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still." There are two kinds of sinners. The unjust sinner is one. He doesn't smoke, drink or curse, maybe, but he is as "crooked as a dog's hind leg". He will take the last nickel away from a widow. He will cheat his own grandmother. Then there is the **Filthy Sinner**. A filthy sinner has a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. His lips are all yellow. He carries a flask in his hip pocket. He drinks and everyone knows he is a sinner. But that filthy sinner has a better chance to get saved than the unjust sinner. These unjust and filthy sinners are wicked.

Revelation 22:11 goes on to say, "He that is **righteous** let him be righteous still." These righteous people are not saints. They will never see the Holy City. The righteous will live forever but they will not have a glorified body. It is wonderful to be righteous. There are a lot of good people in the world. But even though they are walking in all the light they know, they do not have full salvation. It is a miracle that you and I are not just

good people.

Let me talk to you about the Holy. You have a deed for your home - a very precious document. God has given us a written deed. Where is it? It is right in the fourteenth chapter of St. John! It is written! "In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you..." That is written. You say, "I am just a poor old Pentecostal". Wait a minute! You are richer than the Rockefellers. You have a mansion. It is written. Who said so? Jesus said it. I thank God that I ever got into Pentecost.

FINAL DESTINATIONS OF ALL MEN

The righteous dead and the wicked dead stand before the White Throne Judgement. All will be dead. Let's look at Daniel 12:2 - "And many of them that sleep (are dead) in the dust of the earth shall awake to everlasting life." This verse refers to the righteous dead. The righteous and wicked will be resurrected together. This verse goes on to say - "...and sinners to shame and everlasting contempt."

Somebody might not understand what a Pentecostal means by "Rapture". We mean that some of these days we are going to Heaven. They may ask, "How will you get up there?" If we talked about going to the Bahamas or Hawaii, everyone could understand that. But we are talking about something that only happened two times in the history of the world. Enoch was raptured and Elijah was caught up. That is it. Now, we are talking about thousands going up to heaven. Jesus told us that He would come back Himself. John 14:3 - "But if go I will come again." He is coming. He said, "I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." We say, "The Lord saved me" and that is a wonderful thought. "The Lord keeps me" is also wonderful. But to say that He Himself is actually coming back in the clouds of glory and to say that we will be raptured - that is a miracle!

BIBLE BASIS FOR A DOCTRINE

There is a rule in the Bible that you must have two or three scriptures to make a doctrine (II Cor. 13:1). That is also a law of our country. If a person is involved in an auto accident, and he does \$500 worth of damage, how the verdict will be determined depends on the number of witnesses. To be judged in his favor he needs more than one witness. So we have to find another witness of Christ coming Himself to rapture the Church. The first scripture is found in John 14.

The second scripture is found in I Thess. 4:15-16. "We which are alive shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air..." Here are two witnesses. We have a hope of whether dead or alive, being caught up to that Holy City. We are the most blessed people on earth. You and I that are filled with the Spirit of God, baptized in Jesus' wonderful name, we will have a new body. Our bodies may be strong, but they are not good enough to get into that Holy City. We will be given a body like unto His glorious body.

THIS WONDERFUL HOLY GHOST

This flesh of ours really didn't want the Holy Ghost. You may have felt you were dying for it but it probably took you a while to get it. You had to crucify and conquer that old flesh. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is like a good wife. Women - I don't understand it yet and I've been married for a long, long time - have some kind of an intuition that a man does not have. I don't mean that women are so much smarter than a man but maybe they are. But a woman that loves a man tries to encourage him; she might suggest this or that about how he can be better. She is trying to help that man. That is like the Holy Ghost in you. Unless you recognize that, you will backslide. That spirit in you is a foreigner. It is loving and kind but it came from a foreign world. Your flesh will never be fully adjusted to that spirit which is in your heart. Don't be discouraged. That spirit came from a heavenly place. That spirit knows how to whip the devil. You say, "How can you prove that?" That spirit was up there and part of God when God kicked Satan out. That spirit can whip Satan. We like to whip things with our fists. But there are times when we cannot do anything. Just raise your hands and say, "Spirit of God take over." That spirit can fight the devil. You let that spirit fight the devil. It will take you through trials and troubles that the Bible says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise up a standard against it!"

So, that spirit in us is trying to tell us that there is a much better world up there. That spirit knows that world and understands the place called heaven. Some day the Lord will translate this body. We will look the same. The Bible says we will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. If we know them we will know each other. We will know as we are known.

What a wonderful hope we have! This is a marvelous salvation. We ought to be so happy!

Student Activities



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ABI Orchestra



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ABI faculty men - R. Sabin, G. Grant, D. Martin and J. Molberg



Joanne Norris, MN, plays at recital



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Clark Reynolds, WV, displays his talent



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David Jones at Luau

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Greg Godwin, highest scorer and Clint Walker at the annual basketball game



ABI NOW OFFERS A DEGREE

Beginning Graduation, June 1983, the Apostolic Bible Institute will award a Bachelor of Theology Degree in Apostolic Studies. Students who successfully complete our three year course with a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average will be eligible for this. This does not change our curriculum in any way. ABI still offers the field-tested subjects that have successfully launched graduates into service as pastors, evangelists, missionaries and teachers throughout the world.

ABI RECEIVES SPECIAL HONOR

Apostolic Bible Institute is evaluated each year by the Minnesota State Department of Education Approving Agency for Veterans' Education. When the specialist from this agency visited our school in September 1982, he highly recommended that we change our program to a degree program. This recommendation was based on ABI's operating record of forty-six years in Bible education and the fact that the school has consistently met its objective of preparing Christian workers.

An additional feature of our new degree program is that the completion of each year of schooling will be recognized as the achievement of a specific objective. Students who successfully complete the first year course will be awarded a Certificate in Bible. Students who receive a Certificate in Bible plus successfully complete the second year course will be awarded an Associate Degree in Apostolic Studies. The Certificate in Bible and the Associate Degree in Apostolic Studies will become prerequisites for the Bachelor of Theology Degree in Apostolic Studies.

ATTENTION ABI GRADUATES

Graduates of the Apostolic Bible Institute will be happy to know that the Bachelor of Theology Degree is retroactive for students. These degrees will be individually conferred Thursday, June 2, 1983 as part of the Founder's Day Jubilee Celebration and Graduation.

It will be necessary for us to research our records, order degree certificates and transfer the transcript to computer for all students desiring the degree and it will be necessary to make a charge for this service. If you are interested in applying for the degree, please mail the following printed form.

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We at the Apostolic Bible Institute feel that God has given His approval for this new degree program because the State of Minnesota Department of Education made this recommendation. This degree will enhance the position of our graduates as they take their places in the work of God.

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COMFORT

A condensation of one chapter of "COMFORT" a book soon to be released by Jessie A. Norris

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God..." Isaiah 40:1

How soon I recognized the need for the dispensing of comfort, care and concern in our new pastorate! We were the thirteenth pastor and wife to minister in a seventeen-year-old church. How I longed to change this church from the services ending with a short interchange of greetings with one another, to one of warmth overflowing with love. That's what I wanted.

How could I dispense comfort when I felt so inefficient along those lines? I sincerely tried many avenues to learn this great lesson.

My interest in Sunday School work led me to a denominational convention. In reality, though, I hoped to receive some help from that source for my problem of growth in the comforting ministry. How could I give that which I did not possess? Caught in the large crowd I shuffled my way into a workshop led by a young minister. The title chalked on the blackboard, "Counselling in the Church" gave me a little hope.

Then followed an interesting lecture with many instances of successful counselling. Selection of proper mates, guidance of young people toward maturity, aid in vocational selection, thwarting of possible suicides and reinstated marriages. I determined that I would absorb some of this young man's success. I planned my strategy. Perhaps if I engaged him in conversation at the end of the session, gradually leading up to my specific problem, he'd give me an answer. Then happy me! I would go home palliated and strengthened.

He greeted me effusively at the door. As he shook my hand he nodded to others, accepting compliments right and left for his fine workshop. I quickly asked my first question. "Do you and your wife ever act as a team in church counselling?" My full intention was to ask how his wife had obtained the counselling, caring, comforting ministry.

Surprised, I noticed a sudden change come over his face. The smiling glow of success faded. His eyes narrowed and a shadow of anger came across what had heretofore been a vibrant expression. His answer sounded like a brusque scolding, almost vehement anger. His answer was a bit too loud. "No, indeed! My wife shall never be an unpaid servant for any church! She shall never be accountable for any activity in any church. She's my wife and the mother of my children and that's that!"

Puzzled, I turned away from the objecting minister with, "I understand." I did un-

derstand his situation, but not mine. With me, a young minister's wife eager to shoulder my part of the load, it was different.

As I drove home, I pondered over his words, "Unpaid servant...unpaid SERVANT UNPAID servant." Being an unpaid servant had no qualms for me, for my husband and I had made our decision to leave a successful business career and enter the ministry full time. My only involvement in my husband's business was to pray that his branch office of a nationally known concern would make its quota of sales. Now I had an active accountability in part of my husband's ministry.

All at once the Spirit of God within me interrupted the rhythmic tattoo on my mind of "unpaid servant" with a reminder, "Have you forgotten Rabshakeh?" Rabshakeh, the emissary of Sennacherib, king of Assyria, marched toward Jerusalem. Hezekiah, the godly king of Judah, had already suffered from his hand in that this enemy had taken Judah's fenced cities. When Rabshakeh surrounded the great city and its walls, he shouted threats against Eliakim and others who represented Hezekiah. First of all came vile language, then an attempt to intimidate by shouting, "Hezekiah can't deliver you; don't listen to him! As for the Lord, He can't deliver you; did the gods of other nations help them? No! Rabshakeh tried another ploy; he shouted to the people on the wall--a trembling, frantic, death-expectant crowd. He pledged a land of honey, oil, corn, bread, vineyards and even two thousand horses if they could provide riders. He increased his promises to another expectancy: Listen, every man will eat of HIS OWN vine and HIS OWN fig trees in the land of Assyria." Then he shouted, "AND DRINK YE EVERY ONE THE WATERS OF HIS OWN CISTERN." This assurance of "HIS OWN" obliterated Judah's fear of death or of becoming a servant in a captive land. It also dislodged Judah's loyalty to Hezekiah and the Lord.

This seeking of identity, autonomy and self-actualization formed then, as now, the great backbone of God's people's staunch enemy - humanism.

A cistern is usually an artificial reservoir for storing water, usually from rain. A cistern reminded me of knowledge - a storing of an accumulation of facts. Some mistakenly identify those who can quickly give many statistics as wise, whereas wisdom consists of applying knowledge, not reciting it. Knowledge, wisdom and HEAVENLY WISDOM. James (3:17) writes "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of good fruits..."

Then came the chastisement: Whatever were you doing at that convention? Doubtlessly you received some helpful suggestions, that is knowledge. But you tried to get an answer for the development of a special Christian attribute, didn't you? What were you doing sipping out of another man's cistern? Now look at you. You have a loss of strength; you heard an unbaptized one say "unpaid servant" and now you have to chase that out of your thinking!

Had I discounted the Presence of the Holy Spirit in my life? Had I forgotten St. John 7:38 & 39? "Out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. (This spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive.)" What about beautiful St. John 16:7? "I will send the Comforter unto you...when the Spirit of truth is come, He will lead you into all truth."

The Lord caught me up short. My impatience had caused me to turn to another source in my hunt for learning how to be a godly comforter. What a contrast between the flowing rivers of living water, which remained with me always, and the cistern of knowledge belonging to another! Had I been guilty of "digging and drinking of strange waters? Isaiah 37:25. I knew I had but to obey Isaiah 40:31. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..."

When I arrived home I felt thoroughly chastened but strengthened. I sat in the car crying and begging for forgiveness. Why should I who had this fountain of living waters, this wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost, listen to others, not filled, for my answers to a spiritual problem when I had but to seek the Lord? True, as one author has written, prayer is not an easy road, but oh, the reward!

My husband was waiting for me. "You must help in this church, for it needs a woman's touch."

I did not want to reveal my battle against my own inadequacy. My mind flooded with excuses such as the rearing of our five children, the constant entertaining of the many visitors who dropped in and the much work involved. And then it was as though my chastisement continued. "What you think is your personal unfitness will not exonerate you. Unless you accept your accountability for the learning of dispensing comfort, your spiritual life will be atrophied; you will grow no more in God; you may become a shrivelled up weakling!"

I turned toward my husband and said, "I'll surely try!"



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ALUMNI NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. William Schmidt, Marion, IN were guest speakers at the Haitian National Conference and then went to Puerto Rico to preach. Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. J. Hugh Rose, Harvestime announcer, on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Rev. Rose has been pastor for ten years of the Harrison Hills United Pentecostal Church, Jewitt, OH. Mrs. Sheldon Runkle (Sandra Arndt) teaches in the Christian Academy, Houston, TX (pastor: Rev. C. L. Dees). Rev. and Mrs. Stanley (Marlene Dyson) Gleason were installed as pastor in Sturtevant, WI. Rev. and Mrs. Duane Nelson are pastoring in Thorpe, WI. Rodney Leaman is assisting Rev. Scotty Teets in Jacksonville, MI. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Yonts held a seminar with Rev. Bennie DeMerchant, missionary, Manaus, Brazil. One hundred and twelve received the Holy Ghost at a recent revival in Manaus with Rev. L. Upton. Rev. N. A. Urshan was dedication speaker of the new United Pentecostal Church of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada with Rev. and Mrs. Barrett (Charlotte Bowe) Church, pastor. Rev. James Lumpkin, Fort Smith, AR was appointed Arkansas Chaplain of Highway State Patrolmen. Rev. Wayne Dummitt, Toledo, OH was appointed Youth Minister and Home Bible Study Coordinator (Pastor: Rev. Fred Kinzie). David Stewart, Cleveland, OH received a Local License. Promoted to General License: Dana Perkins, Milford, ME and John Adams, Columbus, OH. Ordained into the ministry: James G. Lumpkin, Jr., Fort Smith, AR, Bobby Moore, Waterloo, IA, and John Penney, Manchester, CT. BIRTHS: To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Nancy Hicks) Whalen, Oklahoma City, OK, a son, Robert. To Rev. and Mrs. Galen Thompson, pastor at Waseca, MN, a son, Nathan. To Rev. and Mrs. David (Nancy Abshire) Norris, pastor at West Bend, WI, a son, Nathaniel Abshire. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, Indianapolis, IN, a daughter, Rachel. To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick (Crystal Lundquist) Brown, St Paul, MN, a daughter, Anastasia. To Rev. and Mrs. George Rodrigues, Germany, a daughter, Nicole. To Rev. and Mrs. Richard (Becky McCoy) Wearmouth, Newton, IA, a daughter, Rosean. Rev. Wayne Gilliland, Memphis, TN visited the Holy Land. ALBUMS AND TAPES BY ALUMNI - "For All My Friends": Bible stories for children by Rev. Dennis Witkus, pastor, Spooner, WI. "The Little Lights": Songs and stories for children by Ann Grant, childrens evangelist.

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